(b) whether the works have since been postponed;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) what is the estimated cost of these works; and

(e) when the Government propose to complete the works?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) The excavation of Vadavar left side channel alone was taken up in the year 1951—52.

" (b) Yes.

" (c) The postponement was due to some modifications in the original proposal.

" (d) The scheme is estimated to cost Rs. 1,35,000 which includes a provision of Rs. 8,950 and Rs. 47,000, respectively for the two sub-works referred to in clause (a) of the question.

" (e) By 31st August 1953."

Investment of Judicial powers to some of the officers of the Revenue Department.

* 600 Q.—SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal now pending with the Government for the implementation of the suggestion made by the Judicial Separation Enquiry Committee in regard to the Investment of Judicial powers to some of the officers of the Revenue department and officers of the Administrative Service; and

(b) if so, whether the protest raised by the Bar Association, Madras, in this regard will be taken into consideration?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" (a) Presumably, the hon. Member refers to the suggestions of the Committee of Enquiry relating to appointments to posts of district magistrates and sub-magistrates in the transitional stage. These and other recommendations of the Committee of Enquiry are being examined by Government in consultation with the concerned heads of departments.

" (b) All informed opinion will be taken into consideration especially if such opinion is disinterested."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" Sir, may I know whether the suggestions made by the Judicial Separation Enquiry Committee have been taken into consideration by the Government and have they come to any conclusions? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Sir, they are being examined."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" Sir, will it not be a direct negation of the principle of separation of the executive and the judiciary, if for any reason the Revenue officials are going to be invested with judicial powers? "

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THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—" Sir, the Government will examine it and will not break principles."

Number of surveyors in the State.

* 601 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of surveyors working in each district in the State and the nature of work attended to by them; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to abolish the posts of surveyors?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" (*a*) A statement[a] showing the number of surveyors working in each district in the State is placed on the table of the House. The district, taluk, town and panchayat surveyors attend to the maintenance of Revenue records and registration in the districts. The special surveyors attend to various items of miscellaneous survey work, such as land acquisition for projects, land colonization schemes, roads, etc., street surveys for municipalities and panchayat boards, and the bulk of them attend to the survey of the estates taken over under the Abolition Act.

" (*b*) No."

Lease of timber in the forests of Nilambur and Wynaad Divisions.

* 602 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether in the case of fixing the lease by auction of timber forests in Nilambur and Wynaad divisions, any upset price is fixed for auction; and

(*b*) the designation of the officer who confirms the lease?

THE HON. DR. NAGAN GOUDA:—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) All sales not exceeding the value of Rs. 10,000 per unit are confirmed by the District Forest Officer and those in excess over this limit by the Conservator."

Disposal of representations made by Legislators.

* 603 *Q.*—SRI G. LATCHANNA: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the procedure adopted now by the Government in attending to representations made by Legislators and Public Bodies; and

(*b*) whether Public Bodies and Legislators may expect an acknowledgment in respect of their reports and representations in the first instance and an intimation as to the results thereof later on?

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[a] Printed as Appendix VI on page 519 infra.